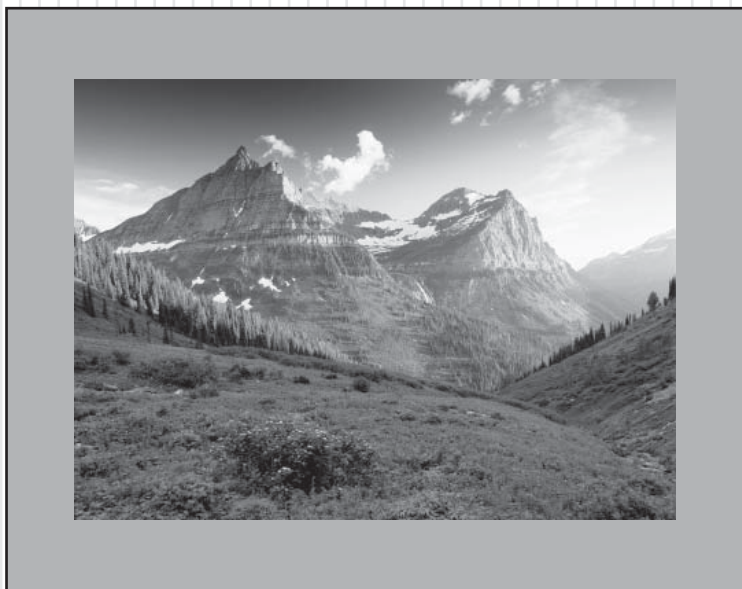


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# Reading

## Session 3

*Read this passage about different kinds of art. Then answer the questions that follow.*

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81. a. Choose **one** kind of art described in the passage that you would **most** like to make. Explain why. Use information from the passage to support your answer.
- b. Choose **one** kind of art described in the passage that you would **least** like to make. Explain why. Use information from the passage to support your answer.

### Scoring Guide

Score	Description
4	Response identifies two kinds of art that are described in the passage and provides a thorough explanation of the reasons for choosing each kind of art. Explanation includes specific, relevant details from the passage.
3	Response identifies two kinds of art that are described in the passage and provides an explanation of the reasons for choosing each kind of art. Explanation includes supporting details from the passage, but lacks specificity, relevance, and/or development.
2	Response identifies two kinds of art that are described in the passage and provides a partial explanation of the reasons for choosing each kind of art. Explanation includes limited details from the passage and/or is partially correct. OR Response identifies one kind of art that is described in the passage and provides a reason for choosing this kind of art. Explanation includes supporting details from the passage.
1	Response makes a vague or minimal statement about art that is described in the passage.
0	Response is totally incorrect or irrelevant.
Blank	No response.

### Scoring Notes

Details from the passage may include, but are not limited to:

- **Painters:** Painters are the most familiar kind of artist. They paint with many tools, like brushes or their hands. They usually use paint, but sometimes things like mud. Painters can paint on walls, furniture, pots, and other things.
- **Sculptors:** There are many types of sculptors, but all sculptors make things in three dimensions. Some sculpt with wood, some with stone, and others with metal. Some sculptors use soft materials or natural materials like sand.
- **Potters:** Potters use clay, a pottery wheel, and a kiln to make things into shiny and colorful ceramic art.
- **Glass blowers:** Glass blowers heat glass to make it look different. They blow bubbles in the glass and then add decorations to make the glass different shapes, sizes, and colors.
- **Weavers:** Weavers make rugs, blankets, and wall hangings with designs by using a loom, yarn, thread, and fabric.
- **Quilters:** Quilters take pieces of fabric and sew the pieces to make a warm blanket with pretty and colorful designs.
- **Strange art:** Some artists make “found object” art out of junk, car parts, toys, and other everyday materials.

I would like glass blowing. It would be neat to work with hot glass so that you could make different shapes by blowing into tools then forming the glass how you want it. You could also make different shapes of bubbles in the glass. Then I could color the glass all different so it would look cool. The art I would least want to do is pottery. It sounds difficult to pinch and pull clay to make a shape. Then when you cook it if the clay comes out wrong you would have to start all over by pulling the clay and pinching it to get the clay just right.

The art that I would want to make is sculptors because they create art in three dimensions and they carve shapes into wood, stone, ice, wax, or other other materials. The art I would least like to make is a Potter because it said that the Potter pinches thru his or her fingers.

I would like to do pottery because  
I think pottery would be fun to shape  
clay into pots. I would ~~best~~ like to  
do strange art because you could get  
cut by metal and it looks weird.

Score Point 1

Sample 1

Potters because you get dirty and  
have fun.



Score Point 1

Sample 2

A. I would want to  
make pot art.  
B I would not want  
to do fiber art.

Art can come  
in many shapes and  
sizes. There is many  
types of art. Art is  
everywhere.